

Rotary
District 7030



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Perspectives

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter Welcome

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I wish to extend greetings to you as we start this new Rotary year. To all club and district officers, I wish to extend heartiest congratulations on your appointments and wish you every success during your year. This year, as we strive to “Be a Gift to the World”, let us renew our commitment to Rotary and its ideals.

I have set six areas of focus for this year – Foundation, Membership, Public Relations, Rotaract & Interact, Training and Dyslexia.

We must continue to support our Foundation, which remains the engine through which all of our global humanitarian work is done. The impact that we have had in the fight to eradicate polio has been nothing short of amazing and we are very close to completing the task that we set in 1985. The grant system allows us to do bigger and better projects and reach the wider community and I encourage you to make full use of it for the benefit of your communities.

I am challenging each club to have a net increase of 2 members by the end of the Rotary year. Find people who add value to your club and reflect the diversity of your community. Members must stay engaged and keep the club vibrant through fuller participation in its various activities. Get to know Rotarians in your own countries and within the district.

◆ Please make use of Rotary.org as much as possible to keep up to date on Rotary matters.

We must continue to tell our story to the world. We must always wear our pin, as it is a symbol of who we are and the organisation that we serve. Make efficient and frequent use of the media, social media, your websites, Rotary Showcase and newsletters to showcase the good work that we do. There can never be too much publicity.

We must bring our Rotaractors and Interactors closer into our Rotary family. We must take responsibility for the clubs that we form and ensure that Rotaractors and Interactors are guided and supported. Include them as far as possible in your club activities as equal partners and encourage them to come to your club, as you should go to theirs. We must endeavor to bridge generational gaps.

The district will have foundation and membership seminars during the year. RLI training will also be offered. Please make use of Rotary.org as much as possible to keep up to date on Rotary matters. The website also offers facilities for learning about Rotary and

there are a host of blogs and webinars on social media that offer forums for discussion on various Rotary topics.

Dyslexia is a learning disorder that often goes undetected through lack of knowledge or expertise. Sometimes if it is recognised, there are those who cannot afford to get help, thereby leaving them at a disadvantage. I would like clubs to focus on 3 things – (a) bringing awareness to the public at large by sensitising them to what to be aware of, what resources exist to test and teach and how to access them; (b) sponsoring a child for an assessment and/or a series of lessons; (c) sponsoring a teacher to become trained in special education, assessment or testing.

I look forward to meeting you all on my visits through the district.

Yours in Rotary,

Milton



About Rotary International President 2015-2016



K.R. “RAVI” RAVINDRAN
PRESIDENT 2015–16
ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO
SRI LANKA

K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran is CEO and founder of a publicly listed company with a worldwide clientele in the tea packaging industry. His company, Printcare PLC, is the winner of national and international awards of excellence. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association.

A Rotarian since 1974, President Ravi has served RI as treasurer; director; foundation trustee; committee member, vice chair, and chair; task force member; RI training leader; and district governor.

As his country’s national PolioPlus chair, President Ravi headed a task force consisting of the government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunisation Days. He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, to rebuild 25 tsunami-devastated schools to benefit 15,000 children.

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President Ravi has selected the 2015-16 Rotary year theme of “Be a Gift to the World.” RI President Ravi has noted, “Every one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world. It is said that we are born with our fists clenched, but we die with our hands open, and that our talents are the gift that God gave us. What we make of our talents is our gift back to God. Equally, we come into this world grasping at everything, but when we leave it, we leave all material things behind as well. Through Rotary, we can leave behind something real and lasting. Our time is now. It will never come again. Be a Gift to the World.”



Rotary Numbers

FOUNDATION

Club with greatest contribution 2014 – 2015: **Rotary Club of Barbados – US\$20,075**
Club with greatest contribution to Polio Plus: **San Fernando – US\$11,000**
Greatest % of goals achieved: **Rotary Club of Barbados West – 253%**
Total District contribution for 2014 – 2015: **US\$228,889.53**

MEMBERSHIP

Club with greatest growth 2014 – 2015: **Georgetown +8**

Club Growth	No. of Clubs
Negative	19
0	20
1	5
2	9
3	6
4	3
5	3
6	2
7	1
8	1

Net change in membership since 1st July 2014: **+40**



Rotary Global Rewards

A MEMBER BENEFITS PROGRAMME UNVEILED AS 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CAME TO A CLOSE...

RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran introduced a member benefits programme at the closing session of the 2015 Rotary International Convention, saying that “many more hands are needed to continue Rotary’s work around the world”.

He views the member benefit programme, Rotary Global Rewards, which will debut on July 1, 2015, as another benefit of being a Rotarian. The Rotary Global Rewards aims to boost membership and enhance member satisfaction.

“This innovative new programme will allow Rotary members to connect with hundreds of businesses and service providers from around the world – and that number is growing,” said President Ravi. “These establishments will offer Rotarians discounts and concessions on the everyday business that you do. And, in many cases, not only will you benefit, but our foundation will as well, by receiving a contribution with each transaction.”

The programme will include discounts on car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Discounts on more products and services from companies worldwide are expected to be added throughout the year.

“It will be another way to benefit from being a Rotarian and being part of the Rotary network,” said Ravindran, “I urge all of you to become a part of that scheme”.

How It Works

Anyone can view the offers and discounts on Rotary Global Rewards, but only Rotary club members who are signed in to their My Rotary accounts can redeem them. You can access and redeem rewards from your computer, smartphone or tablet.

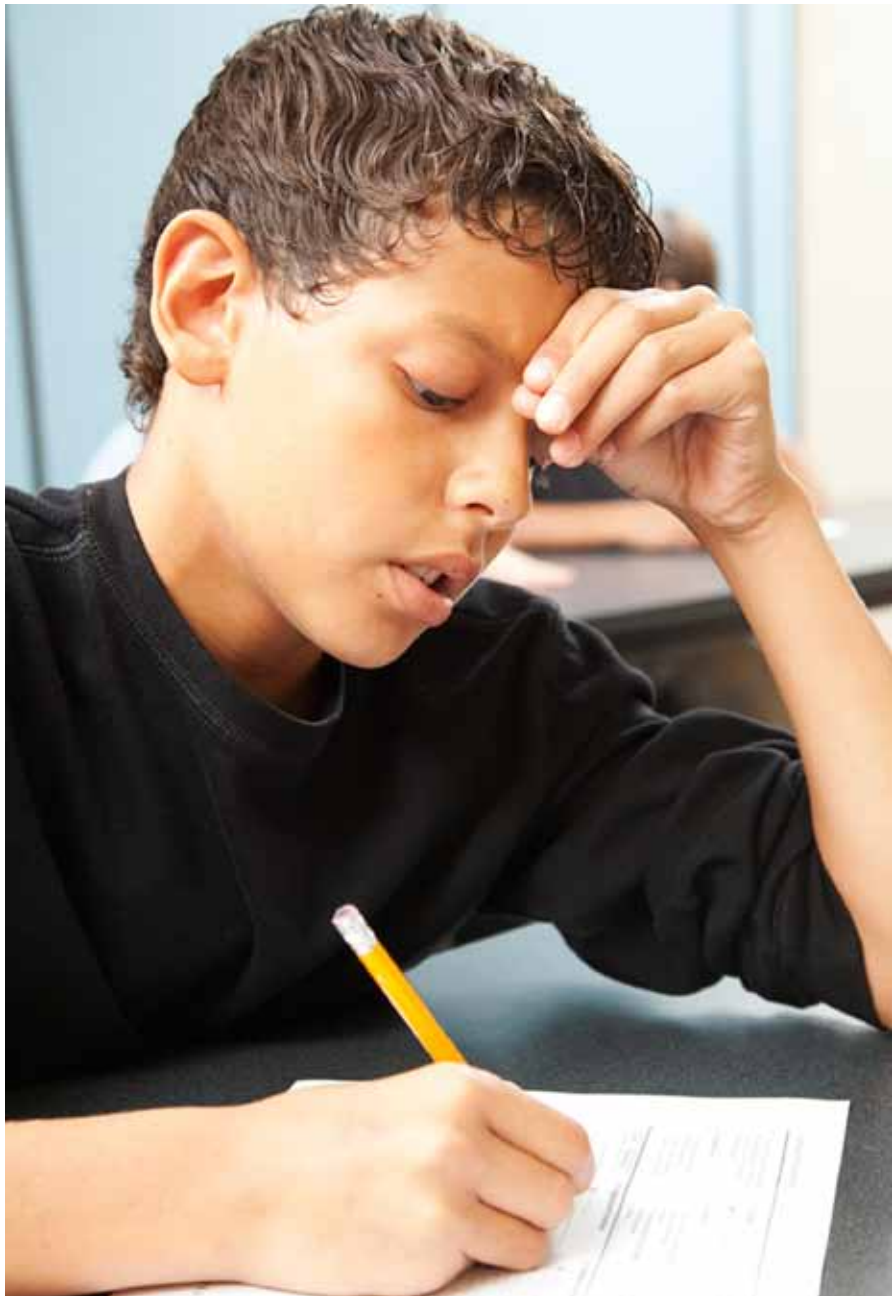
Create a My Rotary account now so you’re ready to take advantage of the new member benefits programme when it’s available.

“... many more hands are needed to continue Rotary’s work around the world.”



Dyslexia Basics

DISTRICT SPECIAL FOCUS ON DYSLEXIA



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condition ...

DG Milton has asked clubs in the District to give special consideration to projects focusing on Dyslexia this year. As your club considers projects it could pursue here are some DYSLEXIA BASICS...



What is dyslexia?

Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability. Dyslexia refers to a cluster of symptoms, which result in people having difficulties with specific language skills, particularly reading. Students with dyslexia may experience difficulties in other language skills such as spelling, writing, and speaking. Dyslexia is a life-long status, however, its impact can change at different stages in a person's life. It is referred to as a learning disability because dyslexia can make it very difficult for a student to succeed academically in the typical instructional environment.

What causes dyslexia?

The exact causes of dyslexia are still not completely clear, but anatomical and brain imagery studies show differences in the way

the brain of a dyslexic person develops and functions. Moreover, people with dyslexia have been found to have problems with discriminating sounds within a word, a key factor in their reading difficulties. Dyslexia is not due to either lack of intelligence or a desire to learn; with appropriate teaching methods dyslexics can learn successfully.

What are the effects of dyslexia?

The impact that dyslexia has is different for each person and depends on the severity of the condition and the approaches of the remediation. The most common effects are problems with reading, spelling, and writing. Some dyslexics do not have much difficulty with early reading and spelling tasks, but do experience great problems when more complex language skills are required, such as grammar, understanding textbook material and writing essays.

People with dyslexia can also have problems with spoken language. They may find it difficult to express themselves clearly, or to fully comprehend what others mean when they speak. Such language problems are often difficult to recognise, but they can lead to major problems in school, in the workplace and in relating to other people. The effects of dyslexia reach well beyond the classroom. Dyslexia can also affect a person's self-image. Students with dyslexia often end up feeling "dumb" and less capable than they actually are.

After experiencing a great deal of stress due to academic problems, a student may become discouraged about continuing in school.

Information provided by The International Dyslexia Association



Rotary Farewells

Tribute to the late Paul Harris Fellow Dr. Sir John Watts CBE, KCMG Rotary Clubs in Grenada

Delivered by
District Governor Elwin Atmodimedjo PHF, Rotary District 7030

Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Marie Galante, Martinique, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. These are all Islands within the Rotary District 7030, which Past District Governor (PDG) John was instrumental in developing.

There are times when words cannot accurately convey our emotions and sentiments; this is one of those occasions.

Past District Governor (PDG) or Dr. Sir John Watts lived and breathed Rotary; he led by example; he exemplified the true meaning of Rotary's Motto – 'Service Above Self'.

How did Sir John become involved in Rotary? In 1968, he and his late wife Dorothy, were vacationing in Mexico; in the hotel's swimming pool were also a group of Rotarians. A conversation was struck up. The Rotarians inquired whether there was a Rotary Club in Grenada. Of course there was none, but Sir John indicated to them that he was very much interested in organising a club in Grenada.

Upon his return, he immediately set about forming the Rotary Club of Grenada. Needless to say that he was the chartered President of the Club, which then had a membership of 24. He was also instrumental in the formation of several Rotary Clubs in Grenada and the wider Caribbean.

In 1972, Sir John was appointed by Rotary International (RI) to organise non-District Clubs into Groups L, M, N & O for preparation to be zoned into Districts. Coming out of this exercise, he was appointed Administrative Advisor for Clubs in Group O, which included St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago.

In 1974, RI created a new District – 404. Clubs in the Bahamas and the rest of the Caribbean conducted a ballot by mail to elect a District Governor. Sir John was chosen, becoming the first District Governor of District 404. At that time District 404 consisted of 44 Clubs from the English, French and Dutch speaking Islands as well as the US Virgin Islands.

This was a challenge, but in true John Watts style, he accepted. He had to make some major adjustments; he relocated to Trinidad to facilitate the functioning of all 44 Clubs. From Trinidad, air transport was readily available and he needed that in order to make scheduled visits to the 44 Clubs – such was the extent of Sir John Watts' commitment to Rotary.

Under his leadership and visionary thinking District 404 added several new Clubs, so much so that within three years, the District was divided into District 404 & 405. A few years later, RI renamed these two Districts 7030 & 7031.

That Sir John had a passion for RI was no secret. He was a mentor to many Rotarians. He shared his experience and expertise of Rotary and RI; the Rotary way of doing things. When he spoke Rotary, you had to listen.

Sir John was well respected in Rotary's circle – whenever one attended a District Conference and others heard you were from Grenada, they always enquired about John Watts.

“In the end, it's not the years
in your life that count. It's the
life in your years.”

Abraham Lincoln



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PDG John distinguished himself in the Rotary Community.

- **1968 – 70:** Charter President of the Rotary Club of Grenada
- **1970 – 71:** Chairman – International Service Committee
- **1971 – 72:** Chairman – Vocational Service Committee
- **1972 – 73:** Rotary International Administrative Adviser for Clubs in Group ‘O’
- **1974 – 75:** First District Governor for Rotary International District 404
- **1976:** Member – Rotary International Convention Committee
- **1977 – 78:** Chairman – Rotary International District 404 International Service Committee
- **1991:** Rotary International President Representative for district Conference of District 550 in Arizona, U.S.A.

This list is by no means comprehensive, it goes on and on. For his outstanding service to Rotary and by extension humanity, Sir John received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service; Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary Club of Grenada; another Paul Harris Fellow from District 404; and yet other Paul Harris Fellows from District 7030 & Rotary International.

Certificate of Appreciation on the 25th Anniversary of District 7030 and the ‘Distinguished Service Award’ were also presented to him by Rotary International. However I believe that the award that he treasured most is that of his 100% attendance record from 1968 – up to the end.

What an achievement! A lifetime dedicated to the service of others. You have left us big shoes to fill. Your legacy will certainly live on. We thank you for your selfless contribution to Rotary.

To his family, we say thank you for sharing him with us. He has touched so many lives. PDG John Watts has left his footprints on the sand of time. On behalf of all the Past District Governors in District 7030, myself and the Rotary family, farewell.

Rotary Farewells

The Late Paul Harris Fellow Dr. Sir John Watts CBE, KCMG – My Reflection

Delivered by
ARRFC David Edwards

I met PDG John Watts in early 1978 within days of arriving in Grenada and he immediately welcomed me, saying that I was so young to manage a Bank.

He heard some weeks later that I had been inducted as a member of the then very new Rotary Club of Grenada East, and he called and welcomed me and invited me to visit with his club and share some fellowship with him and his Rotary buddy, Charles Laddie McIntyre.

He said I was the “young boy” and called me that, from that point on. And from that time, he encouraged me, and as my Rotary involvement grew in the District, he hoped that I would stand as District Governor someday. When I finally agreed, he called me and told me that I was now the second Grenadian Governor.

When Hurricane Ivan struck and I became involved in the rebuilding effort, he told me that I was doing what he expected of any ‘honorary Grenadian’ would do. This meant and still means a lot to me because I still consider Grenada like a second home.

I spoke with him on many issues and plans over the years to improve the District and it is surprising how up to date he kept with the issues. When I last visited him at his home he told me he was tired. And when in one of our conversations on the phone I could barely hear him, he said he had done all that he could and carry on the Rotary work.

He was an inspiration to me and all the Rotarians of Grenada and the region. He was an Icon. And I will remember his ‘distinctive Johnny Watts ‘voice.

May he rest in peace
David

Saluting PDG Georges-Louis Clément

Rotary Club of Fort-de-France
1982-1983

Born May 3, 1929 in Fort-de-France, Georges-Louis Clément is the son of Charles Clément, the eldest of six children:

- Four boys: Georges-Louis, Jean-José, René-Yves and Marcel-André
- Two girls: Simone Gueredrat and Hélène Sauphanor.

He is father of Isabelle Clément, who now lives in New York, and is also grandfather of a charming girl of 7 years.

Bachelor of Law, Georges-Louis moved to study in Paris, where he became a graduate of HEC Paris and Commissioner of the French Navy.

Grandson of Homère Clément who, in 1887 during his installation as a doctor in François, acquired the Domaine de l’Acajou, Georges-Louis Clément back by duty in Martinique at the end of the 1960s, at the request of his father, to help him direct Clément and Pepsi-Cola, company that he had created.

He will attend the first attempts of the Coderum for the AOC rum Agricole for Martinique. It will give to the rums Clément this design stem straw around the bottle, which will clearly distinguish this rum of the other products on the market.

To face financial constraints, succession Charles Clément decided, in 1984, to sell the Domaine de l’Acajou to Bernard

Hayot Group, which will proceed with its renovation to make it today, not only one of most rums, but also the most visited tourist site in Martinique.

To help his daughter, a lawyer who graduated in the United States wishing to pass equivalency to have her title recognised in France, he follows, with success, the course of CAPA in Fort-de-France. A friend, former General Attorney of Bordeaux, then welcomes him at age of 60, as an intern in his office and he became lawyer at the end of the 1980s!

In Bordeaux, he starts a new life in which his legal profession leads him to browse all the France to plead. A road accident while he crosses the place of Bordeaux Court plunges him into two months of coma and forced to stop exercising.

Despite professional occupations, Georges-Louis Clément gave of his time to serve to doing good in the world.

It is at the invitation of his friends Georges Xavier and Bertrand Hayot that he joined the largest family of Rotary International as member of Fort-France Club, dean of the Martinique Rotary clubs. He occupied various positions before becoming President during 1977-1978. Five years later, he became the second Martinican after Jean Paysant (1975-1976) also from the Rotary Club of Fort-de-France, to serve as District Governor in 1982-1983.



With its Rotary commitment, he was among those who helped in Martinique, and more widely in the French West Indies, to be integrated in a district which included all Caribbean islands, from the Bahamas to French Guiana, Trinidad and Puerto Rico.

A courteous and discreet man, he was known by the Franciscans for its availability, as witnessed by those who knew him in Senior House of Bordeaux. He was animated by great far-sightedness and admirable intelligence.

On behalf of Rotary International President Gary Huang, District Governor Elwin Atmodimejdo and all the Rotarians of District 7030, we thank you PDG Georges-Louis Clément for your example.

*Hervé Honore
Past District Gouverneur 2013/2014
Rotary International*

DG Official Visits



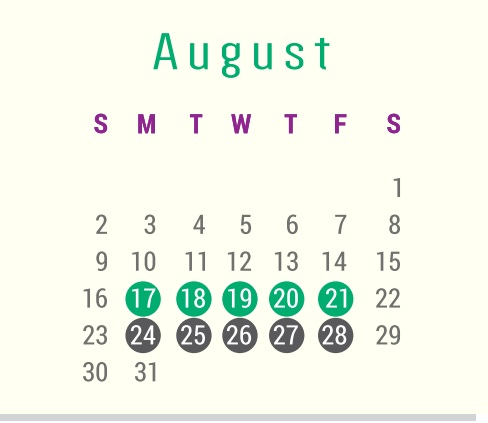
JULY 2015

7th – Barbados West
8th – Barbados South
9th – Barbados

14th – Bequia
15th – 16th – St. Vincent

20th – 24th – Trinidad South

28th – 30th – St. Kitts



AUGUST 2015

17th – 21th – Trinidad North

24th – 28th – Guyana



SEPTEMBER 2015

1st – 3rd – Dominica

7th – 11th – Trinidad Central

16th – Montserrat
17th – 18th – Antigua
19th – 20th – Pres. Meeting

22nd – 24th – Tobago

28th – 30th – Martinique



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